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Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on October 2, 2003 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

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The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 602 (8<sup>th</sup> ed., Aug. 2001).

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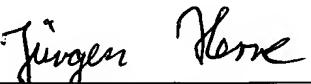
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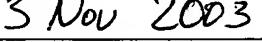
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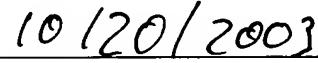
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